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FROM THE MAYOR

Charles Harbaugh

Warmer weather is upon us, and that means the preparations for the July 4th festivities are in the works. A softball tournament will be held on May 25 and July 4 if you are interested please come by the Town office and fill out the registration form. To celebrate Independence Day the Town of Middletown will once again have crafts in the park along with children games, and food vendors and, the well known band Souled Out. There will also be a parade that heads down Main Street, after the parade awards for the parade will be given and the Citizen of the Year will be announced. All activities will be held in the Middletown Park. To end the night the Town of Middletown will have a spectacular fireworks show to light up the night sky. I would like to say thank you to Mr. Fred Wharton the Town of Middletown Zoning Administrator who will be leaving his position on June 28, 2013

FROM THE TOWN TREASURER

Sharon K. Fadely

If the Town Office receives three or more returned checks from an individual, all further transactions will be by money order or cash ONLY. The return check fee has increased from \$30.00 to \$45.00.

This is a reminder that the Town has to **charge a 3% convenience fee for our credit card machine** to offset the fees added on by the card processing company.

The Town Office will **not** accept large amounts of unrolled change. If you must use change it must be rolled in coin wrappers.

FROM THE MUNICIPAL CLERK

Rebecca Layman

To all residents of Middletown please update contact information with the Town office staff. Telephone numbers are very important to the Town staff in case we need to contact you for purposes of water leaks.

As a reminder if water service has be disconnected due to non-payment there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn off and there will be a fee of \$50.00 to turn on for a total of \$100.00. If it is after hours there will be an additional fee of \$50.00.

Reminder to Middletown residents if you will be having contracted work done at your home such as roofers, tree trimmers, plumbers and building additions just to name a few; the contractor(s) needs to obtain a business license from the Town of Middletown.

With spring/summer just around the corner, you may be thinking about having a yard sale. Yard Sales within the Town require a yard sale permit per Section 9-21 of the Town Code. These permits can be acquired at the Town Office.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Donald Riffey, Superintendent

Yard waste collection will resume on *Monday*, *April 1*, *2013* and will be collected every Monday thereafter. Yard waste should consist of branches or twigs <u>not longer</u> than four (4) feet in length and <u>not larger</u> than two (2) inches in diameter and tied in bundles (no wire or plastic string).

Yard Waste should be placed in Biodegradable or Paper Yard Waste Bags only (NO PLASTIC BAGS).

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Fred Wharton

As mowing season has approached us, please be mindful of all grass clippings, debris, etc. from mowers that collect on the sidewalks. Removal of clippings will prevent additional hazards in the walkways and prevent staining of the sidewalks. Also, please clean up after your animals when walking on the sidewalks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

May 21 – Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

May 27 – Memorial Day – Town Offices CLOSED

May 28 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00PM

June

June 3 – Work Session 7:00PM

June 3 – Public Hearing Town of Middletown Budget

June 10 – Town Council Meeting 7:00PM

June 18 – Committee Meeting 7:00PM

June 24 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00PM

July

July 1 – Work Session 7:00PM

July 4 – Independence Day Parade and Festivities ALL DAY

July 4 – Independence Day Town Offices CLOSED

July 8 – Town Council Meeting 7:00PM

July 16 – Committee Meeting